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SEPTEMBER REVIEW

Warm, dry conditions were experienced throughout the state during the month of September. Weather conditions helped many producers complete winter wheat, spring wheat, barley, and dry pea harvests by mid-September. Winter wheat seeding progressed quickly in Adams and Lincoln Counties with early seeded wheat already emerged in Adams County. However, lack of moisture had many farmers wondering whether to delay planting fall crops in hopes some rain would come. Hop harvest and potato digging continued. Franklin County growers faced pea, blue, and cowpea aphid problems. Livestock producers continued to feed supplemental hay as pastures remained short due to drought. Water supplies for livestock were being depleted and producers hauled water to supplement the normal water facilities in some areas. Alfalfa hay cutting continued. Harvest of early apple varieties and blueberries was completed by early September. Apple and grape harvests were underway with good quality being reported on both fruits. Pear and sweet corn harvests came to an end by the end of the month.

FRUIT PRODUCTION: FRUIT SUMMARY, OCTOBER 1, 2005

Apples - Washington apple production, which makes up 58 percent of the U.S. total, is forecast at 5.40 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous forecast and 11 percent below last year. The apple harvest continues under very good weather conditions. Growers are reporting fruit size smaller than last year due to a cool spring and a very warm August. The final forecast for U.S. apple production for 2005 is 9.38 billion pounds, down 5 percent from the August 1 forecast and 10 percent below 2004. Decreases in production were shown for all 7 forecasting States: Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia. Growers in the eastern, central, and western apple producing regions are expecting decreases in production compared to the August 1 forecast. In New York, fruit size is down due to hot weather and a lack of rain in August. Michigan's production decreased 15 percent from the August forecast and 8 percent from 2004. **Grapes** - Washington's grape production is forecast at 430,000 tons, up 15 percent from August 1 and 61 percent above a year ago. If realized, this will be the largest production on record, surpassing the previous high of 354,000 tons in 1993. The **juice type** grape forecast, at 305,000 tons, is 22 percent above August and up 91 percent from the small 2004 crop. With Niagara harvest complete and almost half of the Concords harvested, growers are expecting a larger crop than originally anticipated. **Wine type** grape production is forecast at 125,000 tons, unchanged from the August forecast but 17 percent above last year. Overall, cool temperatures this fall have lowered sugar content in some areas. U.S. grape production is expected to total 7.07 million tons, up 4 percent from the August 1 forecast and 13 percent above 2004. California leads the U.S. in grape production with 88 percent of the total. California's all grape forecast, at 6.24 million tons, is up 3 percent from the August forecast and 11 percent above a year ago. California's **wine type** production is expected to total 3.15 million tons, 50 percent of California's total grape crop. New York's grape production is forecast at 158,000 tons, down 1 percent from the August forecast but 11 percent above 2004.

Crop and State	Total Production			Crop and State	Total Production		
	2003	2004	Ind. 2005		2003	2004	Ind. 2005
APPLES: Million Pounds				GRAPES: 1,000 Tons			
California 1/	450.0	390.0	410.0	California, All	5,861	5,615	6,240
Idaho 1/	70.0	90.0	65.0	Wine Types	2,909	2,815	3,150
Michigan	890.0	760.0	700.0	Table Types 2/	732	770	790
New York	1,070.0	1,280.0	1,060.0	Raisin Types 2/ 3/	2,220	2,030	2,300
Oregon 1/	133.0	163.0	130.0	Michigan	94.5	62.5	99.0
Pennsylvania	442.0	405.0	420.0	New York	198	142	158
Virginia	270.0	300.0	300.0	Oregon 3/	24.0	24.0	23.0
Washington	4,550.0	6,050.0	5,400.0	Pennsylvania	85.0	86.8	85.0
Other States	918.1	981.9	894.1	Washington	344	267	430
United States	8,793.1	10,419.9	9,379.1	Wine	112	107	125
				Concord/Niagara	232	160	305
				Other States 3/	37.0	34.4	35.9
				United States	6,643.5	6,231.7	7,070.9

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

2/ Fresh basis.

GRAIN STOCKS

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in Washington on September 1, 2005 decreased from a year earlier. Chris Messer, Director for the USDA/NASS, Washington Field Office, announced the results of a survey stating, "The quantity of wheat stored in Washington totaled 144.4 million bushels, a decrease of 8 percent from September 1, 2004. The quantity of barley in Washington storages totaled 11.0 million bushels, down 39 percent from the same date in 2004."

Wheat stored on farms in Washington on September 1, 2005 totaled 22.0 million bushels, down 5.0 million bushels from the quantity stored on farms on September 1, 2004. Wheat stored off farms totaled 122.4 million bushels compared with 129.5 million bushels on the same date a year ago.

The quantity of wheat stored in the Pacific Northwest (Washington, Oregon and Idaho) on September 1, 2005 totaled 260.4 million bushels, 5 percent below September 1, 2004. On-farm stocks totaled 67.0 million bushels, down 14 percent from a year ago and off-farm stocks totaled 193.4 million bushels, a decrease of 2 percent from last year.

The quantity of wheat stored in all positions in the United States on September 1, 2005 totaled 1.92 billion bushels, down 1 percent from last year. On-farm stocks, at 719.4 million bushels, were down 9 percent from last September. Holdings off-farm were 1.20 billion bushels, up 4 percent from a year ago.

September 1, 2005 on-farm barley stocks in Washington totaled 2.0 million bushels, down 50 percent from the quantity in storage on the same date a year ago. The quantity of barley stored in the state in off-farm storages was 9.0 million bushels, a decrease of 35 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2004. Pacific Northwest barley stocks in all positions totaled 70.1 million bushels on September 1, 2005, a decrease of 3 percent from the quantity in storage on September 1, 2004. Nationally, barley stocks in all positions were estimated at 251.3 million bushels, down 13 percent from last year.

Crop/ Quarter	Washington			Pacific Northwest 1/			United States		
	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total	On-Farm	Off-Farm 2/	Total
1,000 Bushels									
Wheat									
Sep. 1, 2004	27,000	129,477	156,477	77,500	197,599	275,099	790,600	1,147,807	1,938,407
June 1, 2005 3/	1,800	34,518	36,318	8,300	56,339	64,639	161,275	378,825	540,100
Sep. 1, 2005	22,000	122,444	144,444	67,000	193,384	260,384	719,360	1,199,274	1,918,634
Barley									
Sep. 1, 2004	4,000	14,017	18,017	34,400	38,181	72,581	175,300	114,777	290,077
June 1, 2005 3/	300	2,837	3,137	7,600	22,404	30,004	41,100	87,317	128,417
Sep. 1, 2005	2,000	9,041	11,041	31,800	38,257	70,057	137,400	113,911	251,311
Corn									
Sep. 1, 2004	*	2,429	*	*	*	*	438,000	520,091	958,091
June 1, 2005 3/	*	7,912	*	*	11,384	*	2,462,300	1,857,482	4,319,782
Sep. 1, 2005	*	5,639	*	*	*	*	820,500	1,291,734	2,112,234
Oats									
Sep. 1, 2004	*	290	*	*	1,304	*	74,300	41,458	115,758
June 1, 2005 3/	*	137	*	*	516	*	25,350	32,592	57,942
Sep. 1, 2005	*	206	*	*	998	*	71,200	41,843	113,043

1/ Includes Washington, Oregon, and Idaho. * Data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Includes stocks at mills, elevators, warehouses, terminals, and processors. 3/ Revised.

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2003-2005 1/

Year	Winter					Spring 2/					Total
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Hard Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Durum	
2003	1,070,996	380,435			265,290	499,674			31,728	96,637	2,344,760
2004	856,211	380,305			262,918	525,467			43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	924,602	309,066	25,213	234,888	260,101	466,587	4,530	33,339	37,869	100,045	2,098,270

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data.

2/ Individual Hard White and Soft White estimates not available prior to 2005.

ONIONS: ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION, BY SEASON AND STATE, 2003-2005

Season/ Type	Area Harvested		Area For Harvest 2005	Yield Per Acre			Production		
	2003	2004		2003	2004	2005	2003	2005	2006
	Acres			Cwt.			1,000 Cwt.		
Spring	32,500	35,700	34,100	312	337	310	10,133	12,031	10,563
Summer									
Non-Storage	22,200	23,200	22,400	522	521	488	11,588	12,098	10,920
Storage:									
California 1/	35,000	28,500	27,500	420	430	420	14,700	12,255	11,550
Colorado	9,600	11,000	9,500	385	500	440	3,696	5,500	4,180
Idaho	9,800	10,400	9,500	600	770	700	5,880	8,008	6,650
Michigan	3,600	3,200	3,300	320	290	260	1,152	928	858
Minnesota 2/ 3/	210			310			65		
New York	11,900	13,000	12,700	320	400	260	3,808	5,200	3,302
Ohio 4/	380			320			122		
Oregon - Malheur	12,200	11,100	11,000	590	780	600	7,198	8,658	6,600
- Other	6,900	7,400	7,000	470	570	500	3,243	4,218	3,500
Utah 5/	1,800	1,500		460	520		828	780	
Washington	18,000	20,000	19,500	570	580	600	10,260	11,600	11,700
Wisconsin	2,000	1,900	1,700	345	320	330	690	608	561
Other States 6/		550	1,920		324	425		178	816
Subtotal	111,390	108,550	103,620	464	534	480	51,642	57,933	49,717
Summer Total	133,590	131,750	126,020	473	532	481	63,230	70,031	60,637
United States	166,090	167,450	160,120	442	490	445	73,363	82,062	71,200

1/ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

2/ 2004 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

3/ Estimates discontinued in 2005.

4/ 2004 and 2005 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

5/ 2005 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

6/ 2004 – MN and OH. 2005 – OH and UT.

FIELD CROP SUMMARY, OCTOBER 1, 2005

CROP	WASHINGTON							PACIFIC NW 1/		UNITED STATES	
	Harvested		Unit	Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2004	2005		2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	1,000 Acres			1,000							
All Wheat	2,275	2,225	Bu.	63.1	62.6	143,500	139,300	301,190	293,450	2,158,245	2,098,270
Winter Wheat	1,750	1,800	Bu.	67.0	67.0	117,250	120,600	227,830	234,610	1,499,434	1,493,769
Spring Wheat	525	425	Bu.	50.0	44.0	26,250	18,700	73,360	57,080	568,918	504,456
Barley	245	205	Bu.	70.0	61.0	17,150	12,505	81,768	66,730	279,743	212,196
Oats	7	8	Bu.	88.0	75.0	616	600	3,996	3,284	115,695	115,002
Corn, Grain	105	85	Bu.	200.0	200.0	21,000	17,000	-	-	11,807,217	10,857,440
Hops 3/	19.38	20.81	Lbs.	2,137	2,100	41,427	43,695	55,204	57,719	55,204	57,719
Sugarbeets	3.8	1.7	Tons	37.9	35.9	144	61	6,050	4,910	29,956	26,746
All Hay 3/	790	770	Tons	4.29	4.52	3,392	3,481	12,366	12,223	157,774	152,871
Alfalfa Hay	480	470	Tons	5.00	5.30	2,400	2,491	9,184	9,073	75,383	75,940
Other Hay	310	300	Tons	3.20	3.30	992	990	3,182	3,150	82,391	76,931
Dry Beans 2/ 3/	29	48	Cwt.	2.10	1.80	609	864	2,363	2,884	17,799	26,109
Potatoes, Fall	159.0	4/	Cwt.	590	4/	93,810	4/	245,555	4/	456,041	4/

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington. 2/ Excludes beans grown for garden seed. Yield and production forecast on a cleaned basis. 3/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. 4/ First production forecast November 12, 2005.

PRICES

AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS FOR FARM PRODUCTS (DOLLAR/UNIT)

Commodity	Unit	Entire Month		Preliminary Sep. 2005 2/	Entire Month		Preliminary Sep. 2005	U.S. Parity Price
		Sep. 2004	Aug. 2005		Sep. 2004	Aug. 2005		
		Washington			United States			
Wheat, All	Bu.	3.67	3.34	3.36	3.36	3.24	3.34	10.50
Wheat, Winter	Bu.	3.59	3.21	3.21	3.26	3.16	3.23	
Wheat, Spring	Bu.	3.93	3.75	3.82	3.48	3.43	3.51	-
Barley, All	Bu.	1.72	2.14	2.17	2.43	2.52	2.60	7.11
Corn	Bu.	-	-	-	2.20	1.95	1.73	7.02
Oats	Bu.	-	-	-	1.42	1.47	1.54	4.17
Dry Edible Beans	Cwt.	-	-	-	22.90	21.30	20.20	53.20
Chickpeas, All 1/	Cwt.	-	-	-	26.90	18.60	29.10	-
Dry Edible Peas	Cwt.	-	-	-	5.90	4.24	4.14	-
Potatoes, All	Cwt.	4.55	5.95	5.35	5.32	6.84	6.40	15.80
Potatoes, Processing	Cwt.	4.15	4.50	-	4.64	4.70	-	-
Hay, All (baled) 2/	Tons	111.00	112.00	112.00	91.40	99.70	99.00	-
Alfalfa (baled) 2/	Tons	110.00	110.00	110.00	97.50	109.00	107.00	-
Other Hay (baled) 2/	Tons	120.00	120.00	120.00	74.30	74.80	74.60	-
Lentils	Cwt.	-	-	-	15.50	11.80	11.60	-
Hops	Lbs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.74
Apples, Fresh 3/	Lbs.	0.300	0.163	0.285	0.268	0.202	0.288	0.551
Beef Cattle	Cwt.	-	-	-	85.90	84.50	87.50	182.00
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	-	-	-	89.50	87.80	91.30	-
Calves	Cwt.	-	-	-	128.00	131.00	133.00	247.00
Milk Cows 4/	Head	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Broilers, Live 5/	Lbs.	-	-	-	0.400	0.440	0.460	-
Eggs, Market 2/	Doz.	0.376	0.290	0.510	0.353	0.258	0.465	1.77
Milk, All Wholesale 6/ 7/	Cwt.	15.20	14.80	15.00	15.50	14.80	15.10	37.20
Hogs	Cwt.	-	-	-	54.80	51.00	48.80	113.00
Sheep	Cwt.	-	-	-	41.20	42.30	-	89.10
Lambs	Cwt.	-	-	-	100.00	108.00	-	221.00

1/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

2/ All prices are mid-month estimates.

3/ Equivalent packinghouse door returns for apples for CA, MI, NY, and WA. Prices as sold for other states.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices available for January, April, July, & October.

5/ Equivalent liveweight returns to producers for most states. Includes growers and contractors.

6/ Before deductions for hauling, Includes quality, quantity and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

7/ September 2005 Fat test percent: all milk 3.61.